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AT TEMPERANCE

EDITOR JORDAN
"PUT RIGHT"

touching the question of the county and making new counties "wet" Editor says: Every intelligent man in the county knows that, before he can open a bar room anywhere in this state, he must get a petition for the purpose signed by a majority of the qualified voters of the election district in which he proposes to open the bar room. This is the

hate to place Editor Jordan among the non-intelligent men of the county, and we hereby advise. We really didn't do it ourselves! We are just quoting the Herald.

more than six years wet counties in Florida have not had a liquor dealer to resort to the process of securing a majority of the voters signatures on a petition to open a bar room. Every intelligent editor will take the trouble to telephone over to Tallahassee, or down to Ft. Myers, for information he will find that the process has been greatly simplified. The requirements as the law now stands are that the applicant for a license to sell liquors, wines and must be "over 21 years of age, sober, law abiding person of good character." He presents his application to the board of county commissioners and they advertise in the local paper for one month that any person knowing such applicant is not "over 21 years of age and a sober, law abiding person of good character" come forward and say so. If nobody does then the county commissioners are authorized to give said applicant his license. It is not optional with the county commissioners! They must give such license in the absence of proof that the applicant does not fill the specified requirements. Now safe and easy things are done for wet counties!

The temperance people of the county have been fighting this unconstitutional law that desecrates our statute books, ever since its passage and because we cannot remove it are asking for a prohibition constitutional amendment. Who is it that insults the intelligence of Punta Gorda and Wauchula people?

Appleyard and the Corporations. The imbecility and dense ignorance displayed by one or more of the Florida papers regarding the candidacy of Mr. T. J. Appleyard, of Lake City, for railroad commissioner, is so absurd that think people do not consider it a waste, consequently little attention should be paid to it. But we fear a few voters who are not well relative to state politics may take the matter seriously, is the reason of this article.

The opposition to Mr. Appleyard is industriously circulating rumors throughout the state to rein the Lake City editor is characterized as "a corporation" candidate. The Tribune has been the leader of Mr. Appleyard's paper for a number of years, and it has espoused the cause of the

corporations against the people. In fact, Mr. Appleyard's whole career as a journalist is like an open book, and those who have watched his course have always placed him on the side of the people against corporate influences and power, and the unjust attack made upon him by a few personal enemies and political opponents will prove to be the greatest boomerang that has been sprung in this campaign.

Mr. Appleyard is not what a few people would like him to be in order to hold an office in this state. He has never been accused of being a populist or socialist, but

OUR NEIGHBORS

INTERESTING NEWS OF NEARBY COMMUNITIES.

Snap Shots From Lily.

No rain yet though it is thundering at present writing.

Leslie Skipper left last week for Tampa where he has a position with the American National Life Insurance Association. We bespeak for Mr. Skipper a success for he has a host of friends here who wish him well.

We have looked over the list of inspectors, clerks and deputy sheriff's that are appointed to serve in the precincts on next Tuesday and think they are of the very best material in the county. We expect them to be fearless and honest in the discharge of their duties on that day. They may not always be able to detect all evidences of fraud, and for the purpose of aiding them to see that the ballot is honest and according to law the primary call makes the following provision, viz:

"Each candidate being voted for shall have the right to place a watcher or challenger at the polls

A CLOSING TALK

AGAINST COUNTY DIVISION FROM NORTH DeSOTO

EDITOR CHAMPION: This is the last week before the election and I wish to add a few more lines against county division.

Our Wauchula friends have thrown out a bait to the unthinking "guaranteeing" the millage will not be raised in the county of Wauchula. They didn't say taxes, for there is a reason WHY?

Our friend, the Hon. Elam Carlton, whoops up a \$60,000 court house and crams it down the throats of his hearers till he scares timid men and frightens women and children at the awful catastrophe, BUT HE DOESN'T TELL YOU THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO BUILD SUCH A COURT HOUSE. There is a reason WHY? One is that to build such a court house the county must bond and in such case EVERY VOTER IN DeSOTO COUNTY WOULD BE A VOICE TO SAY WHETHER IT SHOULD BE BUILT OR NOT. In the second place, to build such a court house a two mill tax shall be levied, and in that case THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, if I understand the matter, HAVE A VOICE, and in that case EVERY DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY IS REPRESENTED, Wauchula with the rest.

Do you believe dear reader that the balance of the county would endorse such a move even if Arcadia wanted it.

Now about the millage. The Wauchula paper informs us of the rate of taxes in such counties as Alachua, Volusia, Etc., he doesn't tell you the population of those counties or the amount of property assessed. Nor does he tell you of the schools, roads, etc. to support, he doesn't tell you all this of Manatee county, which has a less rate than ours. There is a reason, WHY?

I pay taxes in both Polk and DeSoto counties. In Polk county the rate is 23 mills against our 26. Polk county population is about thrice DeSoto's and has much more improved and valuable property. Polk county, our sister county, is not given by the division people as an illustration. There is a reason. WHY?

It seems to me Wauchula has had a county commissioner for a number of years. Our mutual friend Bostick, now represents them. Is it possible that he as one of the "county dads" has been sanctioning this highway robbery by Arcadia that we hear so much talk about. Is there anything in regard to the county taxes that he does not approve, and if so I am sure we would all stand by him for we consider him one of the worthiest citizens in DeSoto county.

In conclusion let me say if division "goes" I will take off my hat and bow cheerfully to the will of the majority of the people, until then I join Brother Keck and "persist in saying I can't see it."

W. R. MINOR.
Bowling Green, Fla., May 9th.

How it must please the Division leaders to see the Anti-Divisionists wrangle and pull hair at this stage of the political game. Come, come, friends! Let us reason together!

A Vote for J. B. COCHRAN OR W. H. HOOKER Is a Vote AGAINST DIVISION

They Stand for Temperance
and Economy and are pledged
to work for all the people

he is, and has always been a conservative democrat, and a good one at that. If every aspirant for public office was as conscientious, fearless, loyal, able and true as Mr. Appleyard, this campaign would be composed of the most honorable set of candidates that has ever aspired for public office.

The imputation that he is the candidate of a clique is one of those tantalizing things that all honorable men are compelled to submit to when they seek to become public officials, but if the people who are endeavoring to defeat him will treat him as fair as he will treat his opponents they will immediately apologize to the public for the monumental fabrications sent broadcast over this state for the specific purpose of defeating one of the most able men in Florida for the position he seeks. —Tampa Tribune.

The following from the True Democrat, of Tallahassee, is good sound advice that we recommend to DeSoto county voters:

"Now, voters of Leon, watch out for the closing tricks of the campaign. There are just a few more days left, and its always towards the close that the jobs are put up, false charges made too late for correction, use of money, whiskey, etc. If you find a candidate at any of them, set it down they are those you should vote against. Candidates who have the people's interest at heart, try only to be elected by honest and legal means. Now, just remember this."

On last Friday Judge Cochran and Elam B. Carlton both addressed the people of Lily at the school house on the political issues of the day. Judge Cochran's speech was well received and we think he made a very favorable impression and will no doubt poll a good vote at Lily. On the other hand Elam Carlton made a most excellent speech in same though going to extremes but the people were not in sympathy with him or his subject, County Division, but gave him a most respectful hearing. We are no admirers of Elam Carlton, but we must admit that Elam for the most part handled his subject in a skillful manner!

Messrs John Trawick and G. R. Roberts have erected a new store building near the bridge on Horse Creek and have a small, well selected stock of goods and have already built up a flourishing trade and no doubt will do much better later on. We want to say that they, Roberts & Trawick, are both made of the stuff that succeeds.

Mrs. Hull and her two little daughters together with Miss Annie Altman attended church at New Zion on last Sunday.

Some of us are wasting a lot of hot air talking politics.

KODAK.
Lily, Fla., 5 8, 1906.

at each precinct in the county, which said watcher and challenger shall be entitled to be present during the entire time the polls shall be open and challenge voters; also to witness the polling of voters and counting votes after the polls are closed. Such watcher shall be under the direction and control of the managers of election at each voting place."

We desire to call attention to the following clause in the Democratic Primary Call, issued elsewhere in this paper. Paragraph four says: "All white electors otherwise qualified to vote, without regard to past party affiliations, be and they are hereby invited to participate in said democratic primaries, provided that by participating in said primaries they pledge themselves to support and abide by at the general election following the national, state, county and district candidates nominated at said primaries."

Now that W. H. Hooker has, in a circular, come out for temperance, and Mr. Jordan says he also is a temperance man we are assured that whoever our next representative may happen to be the cause of temperance will be well looked after by DeSoto's representative. Judge Cochran, it will be remembered, was the first to announce his temperance advocacy.